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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear Members of the Federal Communications Commission,

USTelecom has recently filed an unreasonable petition under false premises to the FCC to dismantle key components of the 1996 Telecommunications Act. In their petition, they claim that residential consumers will not be affected by forbearance from Section 251(c)(3) under the claim that there is effectively no remaining UNE-based competition in the marketplace, that there are no carriers who use unbundled copper and inter-city fiber transport elements (UNEs) to compete in the residential marketplace. That is blatantly false and ignores the many service providers in America that currently do provide this service.

In fact, the effects of this petition would be profoundly detrimental to consumers and consumer choice; without access to UNE services, my service provider, Sonic, would not have been able to connect consumers such as myself to fiber networks, nor could my service provider fund the construction of new fiber networks that facilitate competition and keep prices reasonable. And once fiber networks are built, UNEs are still used they connect from city to city and are the key backhaul for fiber networks.

Does the FCC still represent the interests of American consumers? Please vote against this unreasonable petition and show that it still does.

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